# The Canadian Association of Alternative Strategies & Assets - CAASA

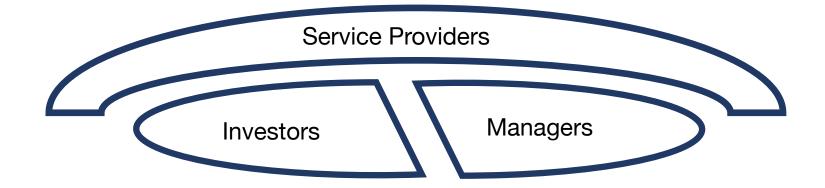
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### **CAASA's mission**

The Canadian Association of Alternative Strategies & Assets was formed to bring together alternative investment managers and investors, along with service providers, in a setting conducive to information sharing, discussion and networking, and collaborative initiatives.





#### **Inclusiveness**

CAASA represents a broad cross-section of public and private market participants whose offerings are distributed to true retail, Accredited Investor retail, family offices, endowments, foundations, public and private pension plans, and sovereign wealth funds.

Public markets includes hedge / alternative strategy asset managers such as managed futures / CTAs, long-short equity, equity market neutral, credit and fixed income funds with varying exposures and arbitrage strategies, multi-strategy, special situations, and others that deal in predominantly public / readily priced / quoted markets.

Private markets includes private lending (from factoring and revolvers to longerterm financing), direct and fund-structured real estate and development investments, private equity (including PE debt and PE real estate), alt alts such as weather derivatives, and other areas that may not be readily priced / valued.



#### **Member benefits**

**For Investors** – A network of pension plans, foundations, endowments, sovereign wealth funds, and family offices to network with on a formal and casual basis as well as resources for analyzing managers and services providers.

For Managers – Peer connection in areas such as fund structuring, sales & marketing, and regulatory issues. Access to investors (opt-in for investors) as well as exposure through panels and conferences targeted to particular groups.

**For Service Providers** – Relevant working groups, event participation / sponsorship, industry thought leadership, and interaction with a wide cross-section of manager and investors.

**For All** – Through our partnerships with the Professional Centre and the CAIA Association, CAASA Classroom sessions and discounted space as well as access to CAIA's Alternative Investment Analyst Review and discounts on both courses.



### From Local to Global – and back again

CAASA's activity is in all areas of Canada, from larger asset management hub, to those with major / a concentration of investors, to others where service providers congregate. Examples include: Toronto, Montréal, Québec, Halifax, Ottawa, Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, and Winnipeg. It is important for a truly national organization to be engaged in all aspects and regions – and being present in these areas leads to important market intelligence and the ability to tailor CAASA's offering as well as provide insights to its members and stakeholders.

CAASA strongly believes that Canada is a leader in many areas of investment management and can learn from other countries' experts as well and providing domestic and foreign / overseas opportunities where global professionals and organizations can meet and exchange best practices & policies and work together on current issues and trends.

CAASA will organize major conferences in Canada and other events and forums elsewhere.



#### **Governance and Structure**

CAASA was created and is controlled by the membership and local staff for the benefit of members and the Canadian alternatives industry at large.

The association's Member Advisory Panel (MAP) works with its staff in formulating and adapting overall strategy, new and continuing initiatives, event and conference themes and formats, and creation of various Member Initiative Groups (MIGs) that focus on particular aspects and/or geographical areas in the Canadian alternatives industry.

CAASA staff are tasked with attending each meeting of the MAP and MIGs, providing logistical, thematic, format, and other support relating to the execution of its activities.

All meetings and activities are governed by the principles of inclusiveness, collaboration, fairness, and elucidation.

# **Organizational Structure**



Private Equity Group	CAASA Board Of Directors	Research & Training Group
Real Assets & Real Estate Group	Member Advisory Panel	Private Lending Group
Advocacy & Governance Group*	Digital Assets Group	Peer Connect Group*
Wealth Management Group*	Robo-Advisor & Fintech Group*	Mentorship Group
FIRM Group**	Compliance & Operations Group	BC/Alberta Groups*
Investor Group	Québec Group	Marketing & Sales Group

<sup>\*</sup> Proposed - proposed Groups will be constituted once co-chairs are chosen and mandate is determined.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Liquid Alts & Private Lending sub-groups



#### **CAASA's activities**

CAASA serves and represents the alternatives industry in Canada by engaging in member-lead local and national initiatives in advocacy; investor, manager, and industry best practices & policies; committees and working groups dedicated to broad mandates as well as those uniquely Canadian and in areas of national or regional expertise; and production of thought leadership events, publications, and initiatives affecting the Canadian and global alternative investment landscape.



#### **CAASA Fund Investment Risk Methodology (FIRM)**

A group of industry professionals including those in product approval, investment & operational due diligence, retail wholesaling, performance database management, investment advising, and legal advising support the creation of an alternative strategy and asset fund rating process which is comprehensive, relevant, and depicts the likely future return streams and risks in a cogent and understandable manner by their peers, regulators, and the investing public.

Liquid Alternatives – Supporting the proposed changes to NI 81-102 that will allow retail investors, through their advisors at IIROC and MFDA registrants, to access alternative strategies.

Private Lending – Providing a unified perspective on due diligence, diversification, and performance description for this growing area of investment.

Members include those from: BMO Nesbitt Burns, RBC Dominion Securities, Richardson GMP, Raymond James Canada, Bodhi Research, and others.



## **Proposed area of activity**

**Manager Search Function** – Investors are generally open to meeting with managers and often use their network to source and get initial research on managers. CAASA will establish a database wherein investors can perform initial screening of managers and connections with manager members to get more information. This to be provided in concert with one of our service provider members.

This function will be added to our website/directory and a sub-set/version will be used at our annual/semi-annual conferences and at special cap-intro events.



### **Areas of activity**

**Diversity and Engagement** – Alternative asset management often involves the creation, implementation, and monitoring of new and sophisticated trades, strategies, and asset classes. Being open to the best minds available allows the industry to innovate as well as take advantage of opportunities. Career panels, stock/idea pitch competitions, and other events aimed at students and particular groups will enhance our industry's place in career paths.

**Prudent Processes & Policies** – Providing input from leaders in operational and compliance roles at institutional investors, investment funds, and service providers and consultants, members and the public will receive 3P publications, panels and roundtables, and other programming to enable them to better comply with regulatory changes and investor requirements and preferences.



## Area of activity

**Derivatives & Technical Training** – Together with the Canadian Derivatives Institute (cdi-icd.org, formerly IFSID), CAASA's Research & Training Group develops training modules for corporate members' staff as well as those individuals within membership and the industry at large. Topics, formats, timing, and pricing is determined by the RTG and delivered by both academic and industry professionals in order to provide the most current curriculum and insights possible to those participating in the courses.

# **CAASA's Publications**



## **Conference programs**

Our Family Office Summit (in Toronto each spring) and CAASA Annual Conference (in Montréal each fall) includes a program detailing the events speakers and schedule as well as a complete member directory including contact information (as applicable).

#### Service Provider and Fund & Portfolio Manager Guides 2019

As of March 31 each year we publish our **Service Provider Guide** and **Fund & Portfolio Manager Guide** with a comprehensive listing of all CAASA members in each category as well as articles written by members.

# **CAASA Classroom**



#### **Live Events**

Partnering with **The Professional Centre** (24th Floor, 120 Adelaide Street West), we produce 1-2 CAASA Classroom sessions each month. Members are invited to work with us to produce these well-attended smaller group (10-30 persons) talks where they can speak to their competencies and industry trends.

## **Online Offering**

A unique partnering with **CE Corner** (supported by *Investment Executive, Advisor's Edge,* and *Benefits Canada*), CAASA Classroom Online provides extremely large reach (basically all IIROC and planner advisors in Canada as well as many at pension plans across the country - 400,000 persons in all) for members' content including webinars, podcasts, and presentations.

These sessions can include CE (continuing education) credits for viewers and provides CAASA with additional funding which allows up to have appropriate staffing and facilities for member services.

# **CAASA Partnerships**



#### **The Professional Centre**

This serviced office floor is home to the CAASA offices and is available for our events and meetings.

Members looking for flexible, new, and affordable space in the core get an extra discount.

#### **CAIA** Association

We partner with many associations, but CAIA is close to our hearts as it is analogous to CAASA (pan-alternative) in the educational realm. All CAASA members have access to the Alternative Analyst Investment Review, CAIA's quarterly digital research digest and enjoy 10% off the CAIA charter exams (excluding the registration fee, about 200 hours of study x 2 levels) and \$100 off CAIA's fundamentals course (approximately 20 hours of study).

# **Back Office**



## **Fees and Accounting**

Healthy finances allow any organization to run at peak efficiency for all involved. As a non-profit organization, CAASA does not pay income tax, but does remit payroll, sales / HST, and other taxes as required by law. Staff have experience in these processes, which will be overseen by the Member Advisory Panel. An annual audit will be performed, the results and management discussion available to the membership.

CAASA's annual fee schedule was established to be as fair and equitable as possible for all members. Future iterations of the fee schedule will be determined by staff and the MAP and, in some instances, by or with input from broader membership.

Manager AUM will be calculated on alternative AUM including hedge, real estate, private lending, and private equity.

# **Fees**



# Fee Schedule (v2019)

#### **Asset Managers (in CAD millions)**

<\$50	\$50-\$100	\$100-500	\$500-\$1,000	>\$1,000	Long-only
\$1,200	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,200

#### **Other Members**

Prime Brokers, Legal,	Wealth	Other Consultants,	Family Offices
Admin & Audit	Managers	Exchanges	& Institutions
\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$500

Employees of Family Offices, Institutional Investors, Investment Dealers, and Wealth Managers, as approved by CAASA, may register individuals as members for \$150 + applicable taxes per year.

Fees will be processed as listed plus applicable taxes.

# **Member Directory - Investors (Corporate)**



60 Degrees Capital (MFO)
Abshe Holdings Inc.

Alberta Teachers' Retirement Fund

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Blue Bridge Wealth Management Casselman and Company (SFO) Cidel

Eckler Ltd.

Forthlane (MFO)

HarbourVest Partners

Heirloom Wealth (MFO)

Levine Management Services

Lux Capital (SFO)

MCA Cross Border Advisors

Mercer MSTAR Capital (SFO) Northland Wealth Management Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Our Family Office Pandion Investments Limited Prime Quadrant Provident Capital (SFO) Raintree Wealth Management Richardson GMP Rohit Capital Inc. (SFO) Stonegate Conseil Privé TIMC

Ullman Wealth (MFO)

Zen Capital & Mergers Ltd. (SFO)

# Member Directory - Investors (Individuals)



Mark Allen (RBC DS)

Ted Baron (Scotia Wealth)

John Boomsma (Raymond James)

Shimmy Brandes (Master Plan Management, SFO)

Joel Carriere (CIBC Private Wealth Management)

Shawn Cohn (Canaccord Genuity)

Darren Coleman (Raymond James)

John Duke (RBD DS)

Vincent Fernandez (Canada Overseas SFO)

Travis Forman (Harbourfront Wealth)

Enzo Gabrielli (Horizon Capital)

Tec Han (Vibrato Capital)

John MacIsaac (RBC DS)

Naveed Mohammed (BMO Nesbitt Burns)

Emma Querengesser (Raymond James)

Chris Rapcewicz (Helmsley Charitable Trust)

Brendan Rogers (RBC DS)

Claudia van Amersfoorth (Raymond James)

Pamela Yoon Drakos (RBC DS)

# **Member Directory - Managers**



3iQ Corp

Accelerate Financial Technologies

**ADI Capital** 

**AGF Investments** 

Algonquin Capital

Alignvest Investment

Management

Alitis Asset Management

**Arch Corporation** 

Ardenton Capital Corp.

**Aspect Capital** 

Avenue Living

**Aviva Investors** 

**Axonic Capital** 

Beach Point Capital Management

BlackRock Inc.

**Bridging Capital** 

Brightspark Ventures

**CDAM** 

Centurion Asset Management

Chapados Couture Capital

CI Investments

CIBC Asset Management

Claret Asset Management

**CMLS** Asset Management

Colchis Capital

Connor, Clark & Lunn Funds

Cortland Credit Group

Crown Capital

Crystalline Management Inc.

**Delbrook Capital Advisors** 

Desjardins Global Asset

Management

ehp Funds

ESO Capital

Espresso Capital

Fiera Capital Corp.

La Financière Constance

**Firepower Capital** 

First Street Capital

Forstrong GAM

Fort LP

Fulcra Asset Management

Franklin Templeton

**Group RMC** 

Horizons ETFs

ICM Asset Management

Innovobot

IPM Informed Portfolio Management

JM Fund Management Inc.

Kilgour Williams Capital

Lawrence Park Asset Management

Lighthouse Partners

# **Member Directory - Managers**



LionGuard Capital Management Lumira Ventures Mackenzie Investments Man Group MarsRock Capital Group Maxam Capital Management Measure 8 Venture Partners Montrusco Bolton Morex Capital Morgan Stanley Investment Management Music Royalties Inc. Napier Park Global Capital Neighbourhood Holdings **Next Edge Capital** Northstar Trading Optimum Asset Management PACE Capital Management

Palm Drive Capital PenderFund Capital Management Pilot House Funds Raiven Capital Robson Capital Management **Russell Investments** Unison Investment Management Sagard Holdings Slate Securities Spartan Fund Management Starlight Capital Trez Capital Two Sevens Capital Waratah Capital Advisors Wellington Investments Westbridge Capital White Crane Capital

# **Member Directory - Service Providers**



**Apex Fund Services AUM Law Battea Class Action Services** BNY Mellon Wealth Management **Bodhi Research Group** Cambridge Global Payments Castle Hall Diligence Canadian Derivatives Institute CIBC Mellon Claritas Communications **CME** Group **Coach House Partners** Community Trust DealMaker Fidelity Clearing **Fundata** Glen Williams Consulting GlobeTax

**Goldman Communications** Harneys HedgeLegal **Independent Trading Group** (ITG) Innocap Instinet Canada Ltd. Jitneytrade **Keystone Fund Solutions KPMG** Linedata Lyxor Asset Management McMillan LLP Meraki Global Advisors MLG Blockchain Norton Rose Fulbright Oak Hill Financial

Prometa Fund Services

**RBC Investor & Treasury** Services Robert Walters PLC SGGG Fund Services Sigma Analysis & Management Inc. SigmaSandbox SS&C Technologies Sun Life International Investment Centre The AML Shop TMX Group Vidrio Financial

# Career Panels & Stock Pitch Challenge



#### **Career Panels**

Panel of 3-5 industry professionals including portfolio managers, operating officers, prime brokers, fund administrators, family office and institutional investor personnel from investment and operational due diligence, as well as other service providers.

#### **Stock Pitch Challenges**

Panels of 3-7 portfolio managers critique student stock (or strategy) pitches. Prizing typically winning team(s) have a night out with 10-20 industry professionals (portfolio managers, investors, and service providers).



#### **January**

Starting a Fund Series: It's Actually Starting a Business (Jan 22)

Starting a Fund Series: Onshore Fund Structures & Tax (Jan 23)

CAASA Classroom: Beyond Pitchbooks by Goldman Communications (Jan 24)

Starting a Fund Series: Offshore Fund Structures & Tax (Jan 31)

#### **February**

McGill Career Panel (Feb 4)

Starting a Fund Series: Operations, BCP, and Related Issues (Feb 5)

**Starting a Fund Series: Other Services & Operations Alpha** (Feb 6)

Founding Day Drinks - Montréal (Feb 11)

Founding Day Drinks - Toronto (Feb 13)

Starting a Fund Series: Segment Marketing & Capital Raising (Feb 19)

Starting a Fund Series: Attracting & Retaining Talent (Feb 20)

Wilfrid Laurier University – Avenue 75 Stock Pitch Challenge (Feb 21)

CAASA Classroom: AML New Rules & Ready for FINTRAC by The AML Shop

(Feb 21)



## March - April

CAASA Classroom - Blockchain Workshop with MLG Blockchain (March 28)

The Case for Nimble Managers feat. Randy Cohen (April 11)

CAASA Classroom - Listing Your Fund with TSX Group (April 25)

### May

**Blockchain Primer** (May 1)

Liquid Alts Lunch (May 1)

Family Office Dinner & Discussion (May 1)

Family Office Summit (May 2)

**What of the 40?** (May 15)

CAASA / Government of Canada Collision Conference PE & VC Reception (Invite only, May 22)

**Queen's University Careers in Alternatives Panel** (May 24)



#### June

**Deep Diligence - Reading Managers** (June 3)

**Toronto Summer Social** (National Club Rooftop, June 3)

Mentorship Training Breakfast (June 4)

Where to Turn for Return (Montréal, June 18)

**Digital Asset Group - Fred Pye Summary of OSC Testimony on the BitCoin Trust** (June 25)

Lord Mayor of the City of London Reception (Invite only, June 25)

**UofT MMF Career Panel** (Toronto, June 26)

#### July

WLU 75 Avenue Investments Student Pitch Competition Jays Game (July 3)

**Investor Group Call - Impact Investing** (July 9)

Muskoka Brewery Beer Tasting (July 10)

**Brightspark - Democratizing VC Investing in Canada** (July 22)



## **August**

Canada vs the World: Comparison of HF Industries (August 14)
Méchoui Summer Social (Montréal, August 22)

## **September**

Starting an Alts Fund - Choosing Service Providers (Sept 10)

FMFD/CAASA - Liquid Alts for MFDAs (Sept 11)

Starting an Alts Fund - Distribution: Technology Solutions (Sept 18)

Using Public Opinion Polls in Your Marketing Strategy w/ TPC (Sept 18)

Concordia Kenneth Woods PM - Career Panel (Montréal, Sept 24)



### **October**

**Liquid Alts with CFA Winnipeg** (Oct 1)

Pepperdine & a Peppering of Best Ideas (Vancouver, Oct 3)

Simon Fraser University Career Panel (Vancouver, Oct 4)

PE/VC Day- including Speed-dating and U.S./Canada Panels (Oct 16)

**Starting an Alts Fund - Staffing & Talent** (Oct 17)

Staffing Your Company w/ TPC (Oct 17)

Mentorship Program Info Session & Reception (Oct 23)

### **November**

**CAASA Annual Conference - Montréal** (November 4-5)

Starting an Alts Fund - TBD (Nov 14)

Starting an Alts Fund - TBD (Nov 19)

**Starting an Alts Fund - TBD** (Nov 28)

# 2019 Conference Participation/Attendance



**UofT MMF Symposium** (Blue Mountain, Jan 10-13)

**Alternative Outlook Forum** (Vancouver, Feb 12)

**Talking Hedge** (San Francisco, March 6-7)

Federation of Mutual Fund Dealers Conference (Toronto, April 23)

Middle East Investment Summit (Dubai, April 23-24)

Blockchain Revolution Global Conference (Toronto, April 24-25)

Canadian Alternative Investment Forum (Toronto, April 25)

**TMX Equities Conference** (Toronto, May 8)

**SALT Conference** (Las Vegas, May 7-10)

**Talking Hedge** (Toronto, June 4-5)

Canadian Annual Derivatives Conference (Montréal, June 11)

KORIED's Future of Finance (Coral Gables, July 10-12)

# 2019 Conference Participation/Attendance



**AAAIM Regional Event** (London, July 18)

**AAAIM Regional Event** (Chicago, July 24)

Futurist Conference (Toronto, Aug 13-14)

**AAAIM National Conference** (New York, Sept 4-6)

**SkyTop Impact Conference** (Boston, Sept 17)

**CFA Climate & ESG** (New York, Sept 23)

Skytop Global Shareholder Activism (Toronto, Sept 26)

Markets Group ALTSTX (Dallas, Oct 15)

**AAAIM Regional Event** (San Francisco, Oct 10)

Canada-U.K. Fintech Mission (London, Oct 21)

Markets Group U.S. PE Fall Forum (San Francisco, Oct 29-30)

PRMIA Risk Forum (Montréal, Nov 11-13)

Talking Hedge (Austin, Nov 20-21)

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